

The Worship of God

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 29, 2024 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in D Major”

William Boyce

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

“I am strong,” says God’s holy mountain.

We lift our eyes to you and learn strength.

“I shelter others,” says God’s holy mountain.

We lift our eyes to you and learn compassion.

“I wait with patience,” says God’s holy mountain.

We lift our eyes to you and learn patience.

“I am a living prayer,” says God’s holy mountain.

We lift our eyes to you and are ready to pray.

OPENING PRAYER

Keith, Jeff & Tim (response), Keith leads

Creator God, you have promised to create a new heaven and a new earth.

You have promised to forget the past

and to offer us a new and bright tomorrow.

May we embrace it – both the blessing and the challenge.

May we find, in all aspects of life, the beauty of your presence,

and may we find ourselves empowered

to proclaim your glory and truth to all creation.

Amen? **Amen.**

SING

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In our day, the earth cries out:

“Can no one see this destruction?”

In our day, the poor cry out:

“Can no one see this hunger?”

In our day, the victims of war cry out:

“Can no one see this violence?”

In our day, the refugees of the climate crisis cry out:

“Can no one see our struggle to survive?”

In our day, those most vulnerable cry out:

“Can no one see this fear?”

We acknowledge that too often we have chosen to turn away.

(silence for reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s love for us is without limit.

God’s call to us is unending.

Surrounded by God’s grace, we hear the call to help create a new day:

a day where no one shall hurt or destroy in all this holy creation.

**We will open our eyes to see, our hearts to care,
and our lives to shape this vision. Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"O Christ, the Healer"

#793

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#15 VS 5

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, we have received from many others.

They have shared

their time,

their food,

their wisdom and insight.

They have offered

a shoulder to lean on,

a hand to help us out,

a heart filled with compassion.

**Remembering all who have shared so generously with us,
we now offer these gifts.**

Receive them as a sign of our thanksgiving.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

"Where Children Belong"

SING



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the



wor - ship - ing throug. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

SENDING

You have a place in God's creation.

Go forth, and stand as tall as a mountain.

Your voice is unique and remarkable.

Go forth, and sing out like a treetop bird.

Your hands can work for healing.

Go forth, and reach out like the rippling water.

Your heart reflects God's heart.

Go forth, and shine as bright as the sun above.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"March in D Major"

George Frederic Handel